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Clark, Robert Carlton, Robert Horace Down, and George Verne Blue. 1925. A history of Oregon. Chicago: Row, Peterson and Co. page 99

John Jacob Astor

Artistic work by Gearhart School student Wesley Albert Ober

In This Issue . . .

As one old newspaper reported, Astoria has a peculiar and interesting history. Spain, France, England and the U.S. all had claims on it at times. Though settlers here in the 1840s and 1850s badgered the U.S. government to let Oregon join the Union, the U.S. Congress was in no hurry to do that. The frontier attracted a reckless element of humanity difficult to restrain. The need for laws and punishment for violation of the laws led residents to adopt a temporary government without the backing of the U.S. Eventually Oregon became a territory of the U.S. and finally a state. The process met many hurdles. Anyone today with access to the internet can follow along this process by looking up two websites, newspapers.com (a fee site) and oregonnews.uoregon.edu (free). Most of the stories in this issue were downloaded from these websites to illustrate our area's history. The maps and a couple photos came from old school books. See above example of John Jacob Astor, enhanced by a bored Gearhart School student.

—The Editor

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Note: The names of several people reoccur throughout this issue:

William H. Gray
Donation land claim on Clatsop Plains and house at 8th and Waterfront.

John McClure
Donation land claim in Astoria, 1st to 13th Streets, House on Franklin near 12th Street.

John Shively
Donation land claim in Astoria, 13th to 33rd Street. Marker on East side of 15th Street between Exchange and Franklin Streets.

Col. James Taylor
Donation land claim on Clatsop Plains, Mansion NW corner 16th and Franklin Ave. moved and converted to apartments on Exchange Street.

Front Cover:
Ramsay Crooks, member of Astor's overland party from a family album. CCHS #20.001.157
see page 7.

CUMTUX: Chinook jargon:
"To know...to inform"

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Fort George, or Astoria, Columbia River—Site of the Hudson's Bay Company's Establishment.
This sketch first appeared in the February 10, 1849 issue of *The Illustrated London News*
"In the illustration, to the left, is shown the site of the Hudson's Bay Company's Establishment; to the right of which is an Indian lodge; and to the extreme right, a settler's log-hut."